



**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on community needs in order to develop the City's (1) the annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Development Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Neighborhood Housing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: and Community **AUTHORIZATION:** Paul Hilgers
Development

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

In order to receive certain federal entitlement grant funds, Federal Law requires cities to develop an annual Action Plan. In addition, Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code, requires cities that utilize federal funds to establish an approved community development program that is determined to assist a public purpose. This Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan and Chapter 373 Community Development Program (the 2006-2007 Plan) is a one-year strategic plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain Federal housing and community development grants program as well as in accordance with Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code.

The City of Austin must submit its Council approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15, 2006. HUD and State law requires that the public have opportunities to participate in the development of Action Plans through two City Council public hearings and a thirty-day written comment period.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) sets further opportunities for public comment by holding two additional public hearings with the Community Development Commission (CDC). Notice of hearings is published in three local newspapers. The CPP states that NHCD staff will gather input from citizens, consultations, and statistical data to prepare the Draft Action Plan.

This public hearing before the City Council and the first public hearing before the CDC on March 29th will be to gather input on community needs. The second public hearing before the City Council on May 25th and the second CDC public hearing on May 9th will be to gather input on the Draft Action Plan.



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Written comments on the 2006-2007 Plan will be accepted the month of May 2006. Final City Council action scheduled on the 2006-2007 Plan is scheduled for July 27, 2006.